

Video sex game firm threatened

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Warnings that "rape is not a game" were spray-painted on the rented office building of a firm that produces controversial "adults only" home video games, the

company president said Thursday.

Stuart Kesten, president of American Multiple Industries, said he believed the vandalism, which occurred late Wednesday or

early Thursday, was incited by Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Earlier this week, supervisors ordered an ordinance drafted that will ban sale of the games in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

"You've got a clear case of irresponsible legislators inciting the situation," Kesten said from his office in suburban Northridge.

Kesten said someone used red spray paint to write messages on the walls, doors and sidewalks at the firm's office, including "Warning, AMI promotes rape, sexism and racism," "Stop Kesten" and "This is just the beginning Kesten. Take us seriously. Rape is not a game."

No one claimed responsibility for the messages, said Kesten, who estimated

damages in excess of several thousand dollars. Kesten said he feared further incidents, so he hired security patrol officers to guard the offices around the clock.

The games, which will soon sell for \$49.95 each, carry the names "Custer's Revenge," "Bachelor Party" and "Beat 'Em and Eat 'Em." The Custer game features a nearly naked cavalry officer and a naked Indian woman tied to a stake. Players score points by coupling the soldier and Indian maiden before a barrage of arrows wipe out the man.

Several womens' group and an American Indian organization complained about the games to the board of supervisors. Although the American Civil Liberties Union warned that any ban could be considered censorship, the board voted 3-1 on Tuesday to have the ordinance drafted.